

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

The indicated Notice of Allowance, but for formalities is noted and appreciated.

The specification, drawings and claims have been amended in the manner suggested by the examiner to overcome the various objections. No new matter has been added. With regard to claims 13 and 29, the objectionable part has been deleted.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for grant. However, if there are any further objections, the examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned to discuss.

The Patent Office is authorized to charge any fee deficiency or refund any excess to Deposit Account No. 04-1061.

Respectfully submitted,

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40. **(Currently Amended)** An adjustment lever for extending the useful life of a torsion bar in a vehicular suspension assembly, said lever comprising:

a body having a pivot portion at one end thereof, a tip portion at another end thereof, and a central lever portion extending between said pivot and tip portions, said pivot portion including a pocket formed by a toothed inner periphery defined by a plurality of equally angularly spaced apart teeth, each said tooth aligned along a respective imaginary radial passing centrally therethrough;

an intermediate hub removably disposed in said toothed pocket of said body, said hub having a hex-shaped opening and a toothed outer periphery consisting of equally angularly spaced apart teeth slideably received in said pocket of said body, said hex-shaped opening defined by six points arranged in equal angular increments of 60° relative to one another; and

wherein none of said six points of said hex-shaped opening coincide with said imaginary radial passing centrally through each of said respective teeth in said pocket, whereby the useful life of a fatigued torsion bar can be extended by completely disengaging said hub from said adjustment lever and then re-engaging said hub with said adjustment lever in a new relative position resulting in an ~~a slight~~ incremental adjustment of said tip portion relative to the torsion bar.

41. **(Previously Presented)** An adjustment as set forth in claim 40 wherein the number of said teeth is not equal to the number of said points in said hex-shaped opening.

42. **(Currently Amended)** An adjustment lever as set forth in claim 40 wherein said hub includes exactly seven teeth and said pocket in said adjustment ~~[[arm]]~~ lever includes exactly seven tooth cavities for slideably receiving said seven teeth of said hub.

43-45. **(Canceled)**